

indicted. Who is to blame, my lord? 'Tis true an innocent man has lost his life, but the innocent Ox is not to suffer for it; the Ox had not his senses, and therefore could not be accountable for his actions. Those are to blame, my lord, who encourage drovers in such acts of inhumanity, and who suffer a market for wild or mad beasts to be held in the middle of a large and opulent city; do you think the queen of my hive would suffer me or any of my brethren to bring home those things we make boot upon? No, in order to prevent mischief and confusion, we prepare our meat before we are let into the city, and so would these people, had they half the sense they pretend to have.'

[Here the Fox arose and having commanded silence, spoke as follows.]

Gentlemen of the Jury,

**Y**OU bear what a distinct and clear evidence the BEE has given in behalf of the prisoner, and you all seem sensible of the truth of it. 'Tis amazing that mankind should complain of cruelty in Animals, when their own minds are productive of such scenes of inhumanity! Is not the Ox

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and all other creatures murdered for their enolument? Are not the BEES burnt, and their houses plundered for their use? What have you Mr. HORSE, for carrying the boobies upon your back, but stripes and ill treatment? And what have you, Mrs. ASS, who are their nurse and their doctor, but lashes and ill language? Man, that two legged Tiger, Man, is the most ungrateful of all beasts. And from the instance before us, one would think them the most stupid also, for as my Lady BEE observes, who in their senses would suffer such a Market to be held in such a place; but that is not our business, and therefore I break up the court; I can give them justice, but I can't give them understanding. The Ox shall be acquitted.

Upon which the Cock, who was present, clapped his wings, and crowded applause to the sentence.

